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PROPOSED ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR INSTRUCTION IN THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF TRADES.

SECTION 1. Any town or school district may establish and maintain a public school for instruction in the principles and practice of trades. Said school shall be open, under rules prescribed by the board of school visitors, town school committee or board of education, as the case may be, to all children over fourteen years of age; but said school officers may admit, under rules as to scholarship and other qualifications, children over twelve years of age.

SEC. 2. In addition to, and if desirable in connection with the schools authorized by section one, towns may establish and maintain evening schools or courses for instruction in the principles and practice of trades for persons legally employed in trades and may provide in the schools established under section one, or in said evening schools, for part-time classes of children over fourteen and under eighteen years of age.

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1 Sec. 3. Two or more towns may unite by vote of
2 the town school committee, board of school visitors
3 or board of education, as the case may be, for the
4 purpose of establishing schools under the provisions
5 of this chapter. The said school officers of towns so
6 united are hereby authorized to make all arrange-
7 ments, agreements and regulations necessary to the
8 organization and maintenance of the trade school dis-
9 trict. Said school officers of each of the towns con-
10 stituting a separate district shall appoint one of their
11 number as the member of the trade school committee,
12 and the committee so appointed shall be a joint com-
13 mittee on behalf of the several towns constituting
14 the district. Each town shall be entitled to one
15 vote in said joint committee. Every district organ-
16 ized under the provisions of this section shall con-
17 tinue five years, and at the end of five years any
18 town may dissolve the district by withdrawal, but
19 notice of the intent to withdraw shall be given in
20 writing to the other towns of the district at least
21 three months before the termination of the five year
22 period.

1 Sec. 4. Every town which has established, under

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2 the provisions of this act, a trade school, approved,
3 in respect of building, equipment, courses and quali-
4 fications of teachers, by the state board of education,
5 shall, annually in July, receive from the state treas-
6 urer an amount equal to one-half the running ex-
7 penses of said school, including teachers' wages, fuel,
8 material and tools, but excluding buildings, repairs,
9 and interest charges; *provided*, that not more than
10 twenty dollars shall be paid by the state for each
11 child in average attendance in said school

1 Sec. 5. The average attendance of each school,
2 together with a special report upon the specific work
3 and actual results of the schooling, shall be annually
4 certified under oath, on or before July 1, by the sec-
5 retary of the board of school visitors, town school
6 committee or board of education, as the case may be,
7 to the state board of education. The comptroller
8 shall, on the application of said board, draw an order
9 on the treasurer in favor of the town for the amount
10 specified in section four.

1 Sec. 6. Any town in which a school is not estab-
2 lished and maintained under the provisions of this
3 act, shall pay the whole or any part of the tuition

4 fee of any child who resides with his parents or
5 guardian in said town, and who, with the written
6 consent of the school visitors, town school committee
7 or board of education, as the case may be, attends a
8 free public trade school approved by the state board
9 of education in another town. Such tuition fees
10 shall be annually paid by the town treasurer upon
11 the order of the chairman of the board of school
12 visitors, town school committee or board of education,
13 as the case may be.

1 Sec. 7. Every town shall, annually in July, re-
2 ceive from the treasurer of the state an amount
3 equal to two-thirds of the aggregate of the sums
4 which have been actually paid by the town for tui-
5 tion fees under the provisions of section six; *pro-*
6 *vided*, that not more than twenty dollars shall be
7 paid by the state for each scholar attending from any
8 town. The number and names of the children so
9 attending public trade schools in towns other than
10 those in which they reside, and the trade school
11 which they have attended, shall, on or before the
12 first day of July in each year, be certified under oath
13 by the secretary of the board of school visitors, town

14 school committee or board of education, as the case
15 may be, of the town in which the pupils reside, to
16 the state board of education. The comptroller shall,
17 on application of said board, draw an order on the
18 treasurer in favor of the town for the amount pro-
19 vided in section six.

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